



Excavation of Sponge-Like Paint Sludge Begins at the Ringwood Mines Site

Our Goal is to Keep You Informed

Public participation is essential to the success of the Superfund program and EPA. If you have any questions regarding EPA's cleanup activities at this site, please contact Joe Gowers, EPA Remedial Project Manager, at (212) 637-4413 or email at gowers.joe@epa.gov. You can also contact Patricia Seppi, EPA's Community Involvement Coordinator, at (212) 637-3679 or email at seppi.pat@epa.gov. You can also call EPA toll-free at 1-877-494-1308.

Information Repository

Copies of site-related plans are available for your review at the Ringwood Public Library at the following address:

Ringwood Public Library
30 Cannici Drive
Ringwood, New Jersey 07456

For information on the Superfund process, please visit EPA's Web site at: www.epa.gov/superfund

Information on the various tools and resources available to community groups, as well as fact sheets about other sites, can be found there.

Regional Public Liaison

EPA, Region 2 has designated a Regional Public Liaison for you to call and express your concerns or complaints about the Superfund program. Please call (888) 283-7626.

Ringwood Mines/Landfill Site

Ringwood, New Jersey

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The Ford Motor Company, under EPA oversight, has begun to remove the sponge-like paint sludge found at the on-site location known as SR-3, located adjacent to Peter's Mine Road at the entrance to the Ringwood State Park. The sponge-like paint sludge contains elevated levels of lead, which were also found in the hardened paint sludge previously removed from the site. Paint-related volatile chemicals were found in the sludge, at levels ranging from approximately 7,500 parts per million to 31,000 parts per million.

During excavation work, Ford's environmental consultant, ARCADIS, will monitor the air in the immediate excavation area, at the perimeter of the SR-3 work area, and near the home on Cable House Road closest to the excavation area. Air monitoring will be conducted for particulates, benzene and other volatile organic compounds. Typically, the air monitoring will begin a half-hour before the start of the day's excavation work and continue for about half an hour after the end of the day's work. If elevated levels of contaminants or dust are detected during air monitoring, ARCADIS will take immediate actions to reduce those levels. These actions may include covering soil piles or excavated areas, or using water or suppressant foam at the excavation.

In the event that unusual odors are reported by the residents, ARCADIS will perform air monitoring at the location of the odors to determine what action, if any, should be taken. Residents who smell unusual odors should call Joe Gowers, the EPA Remedial Project Manager, at 212-637-4413, or Jim Haklar, of EPA's Public Affairs Division, at 212-637-3677. Please note that odors associated with chemicals in the paint sludge may be smelled at very low levels.